

Association. Not only for the valuable scientific and other programs, but because of the widespread interest in the Medical Service plans, soon to be put into operation in California, this coming gathering should have particular appeal. At a recent meeting of the Committee on Scientific Work, the reports of the secretaries of the twelve scientific sections indicated more than ever that the time necessary for attendance may be put to most profitable use.

Several joint sessions will be held with symposia on topics such as sulfanilamid, chronic alcoholism, and poliomyelitis. The guest speakers include: Dr. Chester Keefer, Harvard University; Dr. Stuart Harrington, Mayo Clinics; and Dr. U. V. Portmann, Cleveland Clinics.

The clinical pathological conference, to be conducted by Dr. Chester Keefer, in coöperation with California colleagues, will undoubtedly measure up to the excellent standard of previous years.

The first general meeting on Monday morning, May 1, will be given over to the addresses of President W. W. Roblee of Riverside and other speakers, who will present, among other things, progress reports on the Association's plans for a statewide, voluntary medical service.

The programs of the scientific sections, the scientific exhibits and the technical-commercial booths, as outlined in the tentative plans, should all be of interest and value.

In the scientific exhibit section, it is proposed to present an almost continuous series of films on medical and surgical work.

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Hotel Reservations Should Be Made.—Del Monte and the Monterey Peninsula are outstanding in possessing surroundings of never failing attraction to all who love the great out-of-doors or an environment of historical interest. Members who do not journey to Del Monte by automobile may use with equal convenience railroad transportation. A one and one-third round-trip rate will be secured for those who present travel certificate forms from county society secretaries, and, in due time, these will be forwarded. In the California Medical Association department* in this issue is given a list of the hotels, with rates, location, and other information. All members who contemplate attendance at the annual session, May 1-4, should promptly write for reservations. Why not lay plans now to attend the 1939 annual session?

PRESIDENT-ELECT CHARLES A. DUKES' VISITATIONS TO COUNTY SOCIETIES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Visitation Itineraries of President Roblee and President-Elect Dukes.—Commencing on Monday, January 16 and ending on Wednesday, January 25, President-Elect Charles A. Dukes of Oakland, with the Association Secretary and District Councilors C. L. Emmons, Carl A. Howson and Louis A. Packard visited the following so-

cieties: Orange, Pasadena, Riverside, Los Angeles, San Diego, Imperial, Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo. At each meeting there was a full attendance. In Los Angeles the large auditorium was filled, with overflow attendance in the dining rooms, where loudspeakers had been installed.

In November last, President W. W. Roblee covered most of the northern and central counties in California. Since, in recent years, it has become evident that the demands upon the time of the presiding officers of the State Association for visitation work are so great, a plan has been devised whereby, annually, the President-Elect will take for visitation the county societies in one portion of the State, and the President, in the succeeding year will visit the county units in the other part of California.

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Medical Service the Major Topic.—In President Roblee's tour in November the subject for discussion was "The Good of the Association," with emphasis on national and state trends in medical service. President-Elect Dukes, however, was called upon to speak on the plans for a special service recently formulated in California, and now being put into operation. At each meeting a full presentation of the plans was made, ending always with the request that questions be asked. The large attendance at the meetings and the numerous queries submitted are indications of the deep interest taken by members in the proposed "California Physicians' Service."

The California Medical Association is greatly indebted, therefore, to President W. W. Roblee and President-Elect Dukes for their more than generous donations of valuable time, and for the efficient services they have rendered to organized medicine in California in cordially meeting the members of the local societies and frankly and ably discussing with them some of the major problems now confronting the medical profession. Truly, officers of medical associations, in our present day, hold positions that no longer belong merely to the honorary class. An official position in a medical society, today, means work, and plenty of it!

POSTGRADUATE CLINICAL CONFERENCES

Clinical Conferences with Teams to Be Held in Northern, Central and Southern California. Component county medical societies will shortly be contacted concerning the holding of clinical conferences within their districts. The State Committee on Postgraduate Activities hopes to secure the coöperation everywhere of county society units for a series of spring and fall clinical conferences, designed respectively to carry the work to Northern, Central and Southern California. In each section it is planned to send out one or two teams, for several days at a time, each team covering a territory conveniently located. For this potential work the aid of faculty and nonfaculty teachers and demonstrators has been promised. Shortly, full information concerning these graduate con-

* See page 137.